

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Examiner: A. Chakrabarti

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation Appln. of  
U.S. Serial No. 09/869,927

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Docket No.: 110048.01

For: ENDOGENEOUS NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT ASSOCIATED WITH  
AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, LABELING METHOD AND REAGENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification; and**

**Remarks.**